

# Bountiful 3

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First, we have established that God is a “too much” God.

God is our Heavenly Father and He wants to pour His abundance upon His children.

**Deuteronomy 28:11-13** - <sup>11</sup> And the Lord shall **make you plenteous in goods...**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord shall open unto you his **GOOD TREASURE**, the heaven to give the rain unto your land in his season and **TO BLESS ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HAND AND YOU SHALL LEND UNTO MANY NATIONS AND YOU SHALT NOT BORROW.** <sup>13</sup> And the Lord shall make you **the head and not the tail** and you shall be **above ONLY** and you shall not be beneath...

**John 10:10** – The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

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### **3 Motives Behind Living a Bountiful Life**

1. It is the nature of God, and I am born of God.
2. It is how I can bless others.
3. It is how God has chosen to bless me.

### **3 Kinds of Financial Stewardship for Every Believer**

1. Tithes – belongs to God – *BRING* the tithe
2. Offerings – led by God or choose willfully

**Luke 8:1-3** - <sup>1</sup> Not long afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby cities and villages to announce the Good News concerning the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, <sup>2</sup> along with some women he had healed and from whom he had cast out evil spirits. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; <sup>3</sup> Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's business manager; Susanna; and **many others** who were **contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.** *NLT*

3. Giving to the poor or those in need
  - Poverty is a Curse

### **5 Facts about Giving to the Poor**

1. Jesus gave to the poor.
  - Jesus was not poor. The poor do not have a treasurer.

**John 13:29** - Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to **give something to the poor.** *NIV*

2. God required the poor to participate in their deliverance
  - If you do not work, you should not eat

**II Thessalonians 3:10** - For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man **will not work**, he shall not eat." *NIV*

3. God required those "with," to plan for helping those "without."

**Leviticus 19:9-10** – <sup>9</sup> When you harvest your crops, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. <sup>10</sup> It is the same with your grape crop — do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines, and do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners who live among you, for I, the LORD, am your God. *NLT*

**Galatians 2:9-10** – <sup>9</sup> James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. <sup>10</sup> All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was **eager to do.** *NIV*

4. God required giving to those in need to be done so with dignity.

**Matthew 6:3-4** – <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be **in secret.** Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will **reward you.** *NIV*

5. God blesses and honors those who give to the poor.
  - Give to those in need
  - Give to reflect the heart of God toward people

**Acts 10:4** - Cornelius stared at the angel in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. *NIV*

**Proverbs 11:24-25** - One **GIVES AWAY** and still **grows richer**: Another **KEEPS WHAT HE SHOULD GIVE** and is the poorer. Yes the liberal or **giving man** shall be **made rich**. By watering **others** he waters **himself**.

**Proverbs 19:17** - When you **give to the poor** you are **lending to the Lord** - and **he pays wonderful interest on your loan!**

**II Corinthians 9:5-11** – <sup>5</sup> This is my reason then for urging the brothers to visit you before I come myself, so that they can get your promised gift ready in good time. So that your gift may be a **real act of grace and spontaneity** and **not money that has been squeezed out of you or given under pressure**. <sup>6</sup> **Remember this**: He who **sows or gives sparingly and grudgingly** will also **reap sparingly and grudgingly**, and he who **sows or gives generously** and that blessing may come to someone, will also **reap generously**. <sup>7</sup> Let everyone give **as his heart tells him**. Not grudgingly or of necessity or under compulsion; for God loves, takes pleasure in, prizes above other things and is unwilling to abandon or to do without a cheerful, joyous, prompt-to-do-it giver, **whose heart is in his giving** <sup>8</sup> And God is able to give you an **OVERFLOWING measure of all good gifts**, that **ALL YOUR WANTS of every kind may be supplied at all times** and you may **give of your abundance to every good work**. <sup>9</sup> The scriptures say of such a man, "He scatters his gifts to the poor, his deeds of charity go on forever." <sup>10</sup> And God, who supplies seed or money **for the sower** and bread for eating, will supply you with seed or money and multiply it, and will **increase the crop of your charities or giving**. <sup>11</sup> **THE MORE YOU ARE ENRICHED BY GOD, THE MORE SCOPE THERE WILL BE FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING**. Your gifts administered through us, will cause many to thank God.